

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This invention relates to an insulation displacement terminal for being connected with an insulated wire by insulation displacement while displacing ~~[[an]]~~ the insulation of the wire.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

When the double insulation displacement blades are used as in JP-A-2002-100429 and JP-A-2002-134179, there is encountered a problem that the size of the insulation displacement terminal becomes relatively large.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Further, in the case where the insulation displacement is conducted within the connector housing as in JP-A-10-214650, a jig for conducting the insulation displacement must be inserted into the connector housing. Therefore, a space for the insertion of the jig thereinto needs to be provided around the insulation displacement terminal within the connector housing. ~~And~~ In addition, when the insulation displacement terminal itself ~~has a~~ is large size sized, there is a fear that the electric connector becomes large in size.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Incidentally, in recent years, ~~[[it]]~~ there has been increasingly used a technique in which connection between various ECUs (Electronic Control Unit) in vehicles, such as automobile, is made by a network.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the present invention, the insulated wire is connected by insulation displacement with the insulation displacement grooves of the insulation displacement groove-forming portions in a double manner while the insulation of the wire is displaced by these insulation displacement grooves, and therefore ~~the~~ reliability can be enhanced. And besides, the plate portions are formed respectively at the opposite side edges of the insulation displacement groove-forming portion by bending to provide the holding space for the insulated wire, and therefore the overall length of the terminal as well as its width can be made much smaller.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Further, the terminal further comprises abutment portions formed respectively at lower edges of the plate portions so as to abut ~~again-inst~~ against a housing, and bendable piece portions extending respectively from upper edges of the plate portions.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 12 is a schematic cross-sectional view of an important portion of the insulation displacement terminal, showing a condition in which ~~[[an]]~~ the insulation of an insulated wire is received in a holding space.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Referring to reference numerals and ~~Signs~~ signs in the drawings, 1 denotes the board-containing insulation displacement connector, 2 the insulated wire, 3 and 3A the insulation displacement terminal (insulation displacement terminal), 4 a body, 5 the terminal holding portion, 6 the main housing, 7 a first cover housing, 8 the second cover housing, 9 a first holding space, 10 the circuit board, 10a a first surface, 10b a second surface, 11 a second holding space, 12 the lead, 12a a distal end, 13 a bottom plate, 14 a passage hole, 71 a first insulation displacement groove-forming portion, 72 a second insulation displacement groove-forming portion, 73 an insulation displacement groove, 74 an insulation displacement blade, 75 an interconnecting portion, 76 and 77 retaining projections (retaining portions), 78 and 79 plate portions, 78a and 78b lower edges, 78b and 79b upper edges, 80 a retaining projection (retaining portion), 81 a bendable piece portion, 82 a reinforcing flange, 83 and 84 vertical grooves, 85 a retaining hole, R the holding space, and B a bent portion.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Referring to Figs. 1, 2 and 3, the board-containing insulation displacement connector 1 (hereinafter also referred to merely as “connector 1”) comprises a plurality of insulation

displacement terminals 3 (hereinafter referred to merely as “insulation displacement terminals 3”). In Fig. 3, only one insulation displacement terminal 3 is shown). for being connected by insulation displacement respectively with intermediate portions of a plurality of insulated wires 2 (serving as feed wires extending in a first direction X) while displacing their respective insulations, a main housing 6 having a terminal holding portion 5 for holding bodies 4 of the insulation displacement terminals 3, and first and second cover housings 7 and 8 combined respectively with opposite sides (for example, upper and lower sides) of the main housing 6.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

When the first cover housing 7 is combined with the main housing 6, each of the two first projections 67 is inserted between the adjacent insulated wires 2, and abuts ~~again inst~~ against a bottom wall 26a of the recess 26 of the main housing 6, and also the pair of second projections 68 are fitted respectively in fitting portions 69 (which are defined respectively by fitting holes formed through the bottom wall 26a of the recess 26 of the main housing 6, and serve as a pair of corresponding interconnecting means) as shown in Fig. 6 which is a cross-sectional view taken along the line VI-VI of Fig. 2.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In this embodiment described above, as shown in Fig. 8, the wire is connected by insulation displacement with the insulation displacement grooves 73 of the insulation displacement groove-forming portions 71 and 72 in a double manner while the insulation of the wire is cut by these insulation displacement grooves 73, and therefore the reliability can

be enhanced. ~~And besides~~ Moreover, the plate portions 78 and 79 are formed by bending respectively at the opposite side edges of the first insulation displacement groove-forming portion 71 to provide the holding space R for the insulated wire, and therefore the overall length of the insulation displacement terminal 3 as well as its width can be made much smaller.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~And~~ In addition, by bending the bendable piece portions 81 extending respectively from the upper edges 78b and 79b of the plate portions 78 and 79, the insulated wire 2 can be confined and held in the holding space R defined by the bottom portion of the terminal holding portion 5 of the main housing 6 and the pair of plate portions 78 and 79. This portion can be formed into a compact structure as compared with a conventional insulating barrel of a generally trough-shape.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~And, the~~ The retaining projections 80, extending respectively from the lower edges 78a and 79a of the plate portions 78 and 79, are retainingly engaged respectively in the retaining holes 85 in the main housing 6, and therefore when bending the bendable piece portions 81, the plate portions 78 and 79 will not be displaced out of position, so that the insulation of the insulated wire 2 can be positively held.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~And, the~~ The retaining projections 76, 77, formed respectively at the opposite side edges of each of the first and second insulation displacement groove-forming portions 71 and 72, are retainingly engaged respectively in the vertical grooves 83, 84 formed in the main housing 6, and therefore the first and second insulation displacement groove-forming portions 71 and 72 can be firmly joined to the main housing 6, and an insulation displacement load, produced when carrying out the insulation displacement operation within the main housing, can be more positively received by the main housing 6.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~And, when~~ When the insulation displacement operation is carried out within the main housing 6, the bent portion B (serving as the deformable portion) of the lead 12 is resiliently deformed, and therefore the insulation displacement load is prevented from inadvertently acting on the solder portion S at the distal end of the lead 12 and other portions. Therefore, this is quite suited for the insulation displacement within the housing.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~And, in~~ In the sub-assembly condition in which all parts except the first cover housing 7 are assembled together, each terminal can be connected by insulation displacement with a desired portion of the so-called insulated wire 2, and therefore the degree of freedom is high. Particularly, this structure can be suitably used in the wiring of an LAN (Local Area Network) between various ECUs in a vehicle such as an automobile.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~And, the~~ The receiving portion 44 for receiving the load during the insulation displacing is provided at the box-like portion 43 of the second cover housing 8 which is excellent in strength, as shown in Fig. 7, and therefore this receiving portion can positively receive the insulation displacement load, so that the positive insulation displacement can be achieved.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~And, the~~ The circuit board 10 is held between the rib 46 of the bottom plate 13 of the main housing 6 and the rib 41 of the second cover housing 8 as shown in Fig. 3, and therefore the circuit board 10 is positively prevented from being accidentally bent by the insulation displacement load.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 22, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~And~~ In addition, the present invention is not limited to the above embodiment, and for example the second projections 68 can be formed on the main housing 6 while the fitting holes 69 can be formed in the first cover housing 7. And besides, the provision of the second bent portion 20 can be omitted. Furthermore, various modifications can be made within the scope of the claims of the invention.

Please replace the Abstract at page 26 as follows: